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REMARKS

Claims 10-14 and 16-35 stand allowed in the present application. By this paper, Claims 36-73 have been added. Therefore, Claims 10-14 and 16-73 are presented for examination herein.

*IDS*

Applicant performed a search, although non-exhaustive. The results of the search are provided in the IDS provided herewith and the references submitted herewith. Applicant respectfully submits that none of the prior art references, alone or in combination teach or suggest the Applicant's invention as claimed herein.

*Allowed Claims (10-14 and 16-35)*

After the issue fee was paid, Applicant performed a final review and noted drafting errors in the allowed claims. These errors were minor and editorial in nature, but required fixing. For example, in some cases there were antecedent basis issues, and in another case, the word "prior" was inadvertently erroneously used instead of the word "subsequent". Hence the need for the current RCE. A few dependent claims had significant antecedent basis problems and were largely rewritten.

In the wherein clause at the end of Claims 21 and 24, the word "needed" was replaced with "used" because sometimes downloaded protocol features may be optional.

Also, in claims 21, and 24 a clause was added to take into account the fact that not all handoffs would require the downloading of at least one software module. The claim language has been expanded to indicate that the recited configuration is for cases where a handoff is made to a wireless access point having at least some previously unknown protocol features or services. The claim language now supports the fact that often a download may not be needed to roam to a wireless access point with a known protocol. A similar clause was added to claim 27.

All other amendments made to more clearly recite the aspects of the invention being claimed.

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*New Claims (36-73)*

All the added new claims are dependent claims that depend on allowed independent Claims 10, 16, 21, 24 and 27. All the new dependent claims are supported under 35 USC 112. See for example, pages 13, 15, and 18-20 for most of the newly claimed features. Also see mainly the discussions of Figs. 1-4. Applicant respectfully submits that the new dependent claims add no new matter.

*Summary*

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the independent claims remain allowable over the prior art of record and only the changes discussed above were made. Applicant also respectfully submits that all the new claims depend on allowed claims and add no new matter, so are thus in condition for allowance..

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to issue a second notice of allowance at the earliest possible time.

Applicant hereby specifically reserves the right to prosecute claims of different or broader scope in a continuation or divisional application.

Applicant notes that any claim additions or cancellations made herein are made solely for the purposes of more clearly and particularly describing and claiming the invention, and not for purposes of overcoming art or for other reasons related to patentability. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in the Applicant's position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by the Examiner, based on such additions or cancellations.

Furthermore, any remarks made with respect to a particular claim or claims are intended to be limited only to such claim or claims.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments which may be resolved over the telephone, he is requested to call the undersigned at (305) 735-8533.

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